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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 28-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2018*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Regional emergency telecommunications center" means any
5 entity authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
6 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for
7 receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities,
8 and either serves a combined population of forty thousand or more, as
9 determined by the most recent population estimate by the Department
10 of Public Health, or receives and processes twelve thousand or more 9-
11 1-1 calls on an annual basis;

12 (2) "Multitown public safety answering point" means any entity

13 authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
14 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for
15 receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for two municipalities and either
16 serves a combined population of forty thousand or more, as
17 determined by the most recent population estimate by the Department
18 of Public Health, or receives and processes twelve thousand or more 9-
19 1-1 calls on an annual basis;

20 (3) "9-1-1 call" means a voice, text message, video or image
21 communication that is routed to a public safety answering point by
22 dialing or otherwise accessing the digits "9-1-1"; and

23 (4) "Public safety answering point" has the same meaning as
24 provided in section 28-25.

25 [(a)] (b) There is established an Office of State-Wide Emergency
26 Telecommunications which shall be within the Department of
27 Emergency Services and Public Protection. The Office of State-Wide
28 Emergency Telecommunications shall be responsible for developing
29 and maintaining a state-wide emergency service telecommunications
30 policy. In connection with said policy, the office shall:

31 (1) Develop a state-wide emergency service telecommunications
32 plan specifying emergency police, fire and medical service
33 telecommunications systems needed to provide coordinated
34 emergency service telecommunications to all state residents, including
35 the physically disabled;

36 (2) [Pursuant to the recommendations of the task force established
37 by public act 95-318 to study enhanced 9-1-1 telecommunications
38 services, and in accordance with regulations adopted by the
39 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant
40 to subsection (b) of this section, develop] Develop and administer [, by
41 July 1, 1997,] an enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program, which shall
42 provide for: (A) The replacement of existing 9-1-1 terminal equipment
43 for each public safety answering point, provided, if such public safety
44 answering point serves a population of less than forty thousand or

45 receives and processes less than twelve thousand 9-1-1 calls on an
46 annual basis, such public safety answering point complies with the
47 provisions of subsection (g) of this section; (B) the subsidization of
48 regional [public safety] emergency telecommunications centers and
49 multitown public safety answering points, with enhanced
50 subsidization for municipalities with a population [in excess] of forty
51 thousand or more; (C) the establishment of a transition grant program
52 to encourage regionalization of public safety [telecommunications
53 centers] answering points; and (D) the establishment of a regional
54 emergency telecommunications service credit in order to support
55 regional dispatch services;

56 (3) Provide technical telecommunications assistance to state and
57 local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies;

58 (4) Provide frequency coordination for such agencies;

59 (5) Coordinate and assist in state-wide planning for 9-1-1 and E 9-1-
60 1 systems;

61 (6) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed
62 legislation affecting emergency service telecommunications;

63 (7) Review and make recommendations to the General Assembly
64 concerning emergency service telecommunications funding; and

65 (8) On or before January first of each year, prepare the annual
66 budget for the use of funds from the Enhanced 9-1-1
67 Telecommunications Fund and submit such budget to the Secretary of
68 the Office of Policy and Management for the secretary's review and
69 approval. On or before January fifteenth of each year, said secretary
70 shall submit a report concerning the proposed use of such funds to the
71 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
72 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
73 finance, revenue and bonding, and public safety in accordance with
74 the provisions of section 11-4a.

75 [(b)] (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public

76 Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
77 establishing eligibility standards for state financial assistance to local
78 or regional police, fire and emergency medical service agencies
79 providing emergency service telecommunications. Not later than April
80 1, 1997, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
81 chapter 54, in order to carry out the provisions of subdivision (2) of
82 subsection [(a)] (b) of this section.

83 [(c)] (d) Within a time period determined by the commissioner to
84 ensure the availability of funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
85 1997, to the regional [public safety] emergency telecommunications
86 centers within the state, and not later than April first of each year
87 thereafter, the commissioner shall determine the amount of funding
88 needed for the development and administration of the enhanced
89 emergency 9-1-1 program. The commissioner shall specify the
90 expenses associated with (1) the purchase, installation and
91 maintenance of new public safety answering point terminal
92 equipment, (2) the implementation of the subsidy program, as
93 described in subdivision (2) of subsection [(a)] (b) of this section, (3)
94 the implementation of the transition grant program, described in
95 subdivision (2) of subsection [(a)] (b) of this section, (4) the
96 implementation of the regional emergency telecommunications service
97 credit, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection [(a)] (b) of this
98 section, provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each
99 fiscal year thereafter, such credit for coordinated medical emergency
100 direction services as provided in regulations adopted under this
101 section shall be based upon the factor of thirty cents per capita and
102 shall not be reduced each year, (5) the training of personnel, as
103 necessary, (6) recurring expenses and future capital costs associated
104 with the telecommunications network used to provide emergency 9-1-
105 1 service and the public safety services data networks, (7) for the fiscal
106 year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
107 collection, maintenance and reporting of emergency medical services
108 data, as required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (8) of section
109 19a-177, provided the amount of expenses specified under this
110 subdivision shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars in any

111 fiscal year, (8) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, and each fiscal
112 year thereafter, the initial training of emergency medical dispatch
113 personnel, the provision of an emergency medical dispatch priority
114 reference card set and emergency medical dispatch training and
115 continuing education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of
116 subsection (g) of section 28-25b, (9) the administration of the enhanced
117 emergency 9-1-1 program by the Office of State-Wide Emergency
118 Telecommunications, as the commissioner determines to be reasonably
119 necessary, and (10) the implementation and maintenance of the public
120 safety data network established pursuant to section 29-1j. The
121 commissioner shall communicate the commissioner's findings to the
122 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority not later than April first of each
123 year.

124 (e) If a public safety answering point serves a population of less
125 than forty thousand or receives and processes less than twelve
126 thousand 9-1-1 calls on an annual basis, such public safety answering
127 point shall provide written notice to the office, on or before July 1,
128 2018, stating the intention of such public safety answering point to (1)
129 become part of a regional emergency telecommunications center by
130 July 1, 2020, (2) become part of a multitown public safety answering
131 point by July 1, 2020, or (3) remain a public safety answering point that
132 serves a population of less than forty thousand or receives and
133 processes less than twelve thousand 9-1-1 calls on an annual basis. If
134 such public safety answering point intends to become part of a
135 regional emergency telecommunications center or part of a multitown
136 public safety answering point, the written notice shall identify the
137 intended public safety answering point partner or partners.

138 (f) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and each fiscal year
139 thereafter, any public safety answering point that serves a population
140 of less than forty thousand or receives and processes less than twelve
141 thousand 9-1-1 calls on an annual basis that is not part of a regional
142 emergency telecommunications center or part of a multitown public
143 safety answering point shall not be eligible to receive any funds
144 pursuant to this section.

145 (g) (1) If a public safety answering point serves a population of less
146 than forty thousand or receives and processes less than twelve
147 thousand 9-1-1 calls on an annual basis on or after July 1, 2020, such
148 public safety answering point shall reimburse the office for expenses
149 the office incurs as a result of supporting and maintaining such public
150 safety answering point. Such reimbursement shall include, but not be
151 limited to, (A) the cost of replacing and maintaining 9-1-1 terminal
152 equipment, system infrastructure and network infrastructure, and (B)
153 the costs associated with training and certifying telecommunicators, as
154 defined in section 28-30, the initial training of emergency medical
155 dispatch personnel, the emergency medical dispatch priority reference
156 card set and emergency medical dispatch training and continuing
157 education pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (g) of
158 section 28-25b. Such public safety answering point shall only receive 9-
159 1-1 terminal equipment, maintenance, training and certification as
160 provided or approved by the office.

161 (2) The office shall, not later than thirty days after receiving any
162 moneys pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, deposit such
163 moneys in the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund, established
164 pursuant to section 28-30a, as amended by this act.

165 [(d)] (h) The office may apply for, receive and distribute any federal
166 funds available for emergency service telecommunications. The office
167 shall deposit such federal funds in the Enhanced 9-1-1
168 Telecommunications Fund, established [by] pursuant to section 28-30a,
169 as amended by this act.

170 [(e)] (i) The office shall work in cooperation with the Public Utilities
171 Regulatory Authority to carry out the purposes of this section.

172 Sec. 2. Section 28-30a of the general statutes is repealed and the
173 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2018*):

174 (a) There is established a fund to be known as the "Enhanced 9-1-1
175 Telecommunications Fund". The fund shall contain any moneys
176 required by law to be deposited in the fund, including, but not limited

177 to, any federal funds collected pursuant to subsection [(d)] (h) of
178 section 28-24, as amended by this act, fees assessed against subscribers
179 of local telephone service and subscribers of commercial mobile radio
180 services pursuant to section 16-256g, as amended by this act, and
181 prepaid wireless E 9-1-1 fees collected pursuant to section 28-30e. The
182 Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund shall be held separate and
183 apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. Interest derived from
184 the investment of the fund shall be credited to the assets of the fund.
185 Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be
186 carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

187 (b) The State Treasurer, in consultation with the Secretary of the
188 Office of Policy and Management, shall invest the moneys deposited in
189 the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund in the Short-Term
190 Investment Fund authorized under section 3-27a or investments in
191 which the Treasurer may invest assets of the trust funds which are
192 listed in section 3-13c.

193 (c) The resources of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund
194 shall be used solely to fund the expenses, as determined by the
195 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection in
196 accordance with subsection [(c)] (d) of section 28-24, as amended by
197 this act, associated with the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program. Any
198 surplus shall be carried forward to successive fiscal years and used for
199 the sole purpose of administering the enhanced emergency 9-1-1
200 program.

201 Sec. 3. Section 4-124s of the general statutes is repealed and the
202 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

203 (a) For purposes of this section:

204 (1) "Regional council of governments" means any such council
205 organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive;

206 (2) "Municipality" means a town, city or consolidated town and
207 borough;

208 (3) "Legislative body" means the board of selectmen, town council,
209 city council, board of alderman, board of directors, board of
210 representatives or board of the warden and burgesses of a
211 municipality; [and]

212 (4) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
213 Management or the designee of the secretary; [.]

214 (5) "Regional emergency telecommunications center" means any
215 entity authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
216 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for
217 receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities
218 and serves a combined population of forty thousand or more, as
219 determined by the most recent population estimate by the Department
220 of Public Health;

221 (6) "Multitown public safety answering point" means any entity
222 authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
223 Protection as a public safety answering point that is responsible for
224 receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for two municipalities and serves a
225 combined population of forty thousand or more, as determined by the
226 most recent population estimate by the Department of Public Health;
227 and

228 (7) "Public safety answering point" has the same meaning as
229 provided in section 28-25.

230 (b) There is established a regional performance incentive program
231 that shall be administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
232 Management. On or before December 31, 2011, and annually
233 thereafter, any regional council of governments, any two or more
234 municipalities acting through a regional council of governments, any
235 economic development district or any combination thereof may submit
236 a proposal to the secretary for: (1) The joint provision of any service
237 that one or more participating municipalities of such council or agency
238 currently provide but which is not provided on a regional basis, (2) a
239 planning study regarding the joint provision of any service on a

240 regional basis, or (3) shared information technology services. A copy of
241 said proposal shall be sent to the legislators representing said
242 participating municipalities.

243 (c) (1) A regional council of governments or an economic
244 development district shall submit each proposal in the form and
245 manner the secretary prescribes and shall, at a minimum, provide the
246 following information for each proposal: (A) Service description; (B)
247 the explanation of the need for such service; (C) the method of
248 delivering such service on a regional basis; (D) the organization that
249 would be responsible for regional service delivery; (E) a description of
250 the population that would be served; (F) the manner in which regional
251 service delivery will achieve economies of scale; (G) the amount by
252 which participating municipalities will reduce their mill rates as a
253 result of savings realized; (H) a cost benefit analysis for the provision
254 of the service by each participating municipality and by the entity
255 submitting the proposal; (I) a plan of implementation for delivery of
256 the service on a regional basis; (J) a resolution endorsing such proposal
257 approved by the legislative body of each participating municipality;
258 and (K) an explanation of the potential legal obstacles, if any, to the
259 regional provision of the service.

260 (2) The secretary shall review each proposal and shall award grants
261 for proposals the secretary determines best meet the requirements of
262 this section. In awarding such grants, the secretary shall give priority
263 to a proposal submitted by (A) any entity specified in subsection (a) of
264 this section that includes participation of all of the member
265 municipalities of such entity, and which may increase the purchasing
266 power of participating municipalities or provide a cost savings
267 initiative resulting in a decrease in expenses of such municipalities,
268 allowing such municipalities to lower property taxes, and (B) any
269 economic development district.

270 (d) On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter, in
271 addition to any proposal submitted pursuant to this section, any
272 municipality or regional council of governments may apply to the

273 secretary for a grant to fund: (1) Operating costs associated with
274 connecting to the state-wide high speed, flexible network developed
275 pursuant to section 4d-80, including the costs to connect at the same
276 rate as other government entities served by such network; and (2)
277 capital cost associated with connecting to such network, including
278 expenses associated with building out the internal fiber network
279 connections required to connect to such network, provided the
280 secretary shall make any such grant available in accordance with the
281 two-year schedule by which the Bureau of Enterprise Systems and
282 Technology recommends connecting each municipality and regional
283 council of governments to such network. Any municipality or regional
284 council of governments shall submit each application in the form and
285 manner the secretary prescribes.

286 (e) On or before December 31, 2016, and annually thereafter, any
287 two or more municipalities establishing a regional emergency
288 telecommunications center or multitown public safety answering point
289 may apply to the secretary for a grant to fund operating costs
290 associated with transitioning an existing public safety answering point
291 to a regional emergency telecommunications center or multitown
292 public safety answering point. Such municipalities shall submit such
293 application in such form and manner as the secretary prescribes.

294 [(e)] (f) The secretary shall submit to the Governor and the joint
295 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
296 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding a report on the grants
297 provided pursuant to this section. Each such report shall include
298 information on the amount of each grant, and the potential of each
299 grant for leveraging other public and private investments. The
300 secretary shall submit a report for the fiscal year commencing July 1,
301 2011, not later than February 1, 2012, and shall submit a report for each
302 subsequent fiscal year not later than the first day of March in such
303 fiscal year. Such reports shall include the property tax reductions
304 achieved by means of the program established pursuant to this section.

305 Sec. 4. Section 7-478a of the general statutes is repealed and the

306 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

307 (a) Two or more municipal employers participating in an interlocal
308 agreement pursuant to sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, or
309 undertaking the joint performance of emergency service
310 telecommunications as a regional emergency telecommunications
311 center or a multitown public safety answering point, as those terms are
312 defined in section 28-24, as amended by this act, shall constitute a
313 municipal employer as defined in section 7-467.

314 (b) Each employee organization, as defined in said section 7-467, of
315 the municipal employers constituting a municipal employer under this
316 section shall retain representation rights for collective bargaining. If
317 two or more employee organizations have representation rights, the
318 employee organizations shall act in coalition for all collective
319 bargaining purposes.

320 (c) When a municipal employer is constituted under this section the
321 collective bargaining agreement of each employee organization with
322 representation rights shall remain in effect. A decision by a municipal
323 employer to enter into or implement an interlocal agreement under
324 sections 7-339a to 7-339l, inclusive, or to undertake the joint
325 performance of emergency service telecommunications as a regional
326 emergency telecommunications center or a multitown public safety
327 answering point, as those terms are defined in section 28-24, as
328 amended by this act, shall not be a subject of collective bargaining but
329 the impact of such agreement upon wages, hours and other conditions
330 of employment, shall be a subject of collective bargaining.

331 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 16-256g of the general statutes is
332 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
333 *January 1, 2018*):

334 (a) By June first of each year, the Public Utilities Regulatory
335 Authority shall conduct a proceeding to determine the amount of the
336 monthly fee to be assessed against each subscriber of: (1) Local
337 telephone service, (2) commercial mobile radio service, as defined in 47

338 CFR Section 20.3, and (3) voice over Internet protocol service, as
 339 defined in section 28-30b, to fund the development and administration
 340 of the enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program. The authority shall base
 341 such fee on the findings of the Commissioner of Emergency Services
 342 and Public Protection, pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of section 28-24,
 343 as amended by this act, taking into consideration any existing moneys
 344 available in the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund. The
 345 authority shall consider the progressive wire line inclusion schedule
 346 contained in the final report of the task force to study enhanced 9-1-1
 347 telecommunications services established by public act 95-318*. The
 348 authority shall not approve any fee (A) greater than seventy-five cents
 349 per month per access line, (B) that does not include the progressive
 350 wire line inclusion schedule, or (C) for commercial mobile radio
 351 service, as defined in 47 CFR Section 20.3 that includes the progressive
 352 wire line inclusion schedule.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	28-24
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	28-30a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	4-124s
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	7-478a
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	16-256g(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(d), brackets were inserted around "public safety" for clarity and consistency with other provisions of the section.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill modifies certain definitions and grant programs concerning public safety answering points (PSAPs).

The bill allows municipalities to apply to the regional performance incentive program administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for grants to assist in the consolidation of PSAPs. The cost to both OPM and participant municipalities for such consolidations will be dependent upon the number and size of municipalities that apply and also the guidelines established by OPM for the program.

Beginning in FY 20, certain municipal PSAPs will become ineligible for state funding of telecommunications equipment which may result in a savings to the state's Enhanced-911 Telecommunications Fund.¹ The fund is anticipated to expend approximately \$20 million on such equipment in FY 16. The level of state savings will be dependent upon PSAP consolidations undertaken by municipalities. Municipalities no longer satisfying the funding criteria that do not consolidate are anticipated to incur costs for equipment procurement, installation, and training after FY 18.

The Out Years

¹ The Enhanced-911 Telecommunications Fund is funded by a surcharge on telephone lines paid by users.

State Impact: See Above

Municipal Impact: See Above

Sources: Core-CT Financial Accounting System

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5544*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill incentivizes public safety answering points (PSAPs) that serve under 40,000 people or annually receive and process fewer than 12,000 9-1-1 calls (nonregionalized PSAP) to be a part of a regional emergency telecommunications center or a multitown PSAP (regionalized PSAP). As under existing law, PSAPs are 24-hour facilities that receive 9-1-1 calls and dispatch emergency response services (e.g., fire and police) or transfer the calls to other public safety agencies. Under the bill, a 9-1-1 call means a voice, text message, video, or image communication routed to a PSAP by dialing or accessing the digits 9-1-1.

By July 1, 2018, the bill requires a nonregionalized PSAP to inform the Office of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications (OSET), which is a division within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), whether it intends to become part of a regionalized PSAP by July 1, 2020 or remain an individual PSAP. If a PSAP chooses to regionalize, it must provide written notice identifying the intended PSAP partner or partners.

Under the bill, a nonregionalized PSAP that decides not to regionalize, beginning FY 21 and each fiscal year after, will not be eligible to receive funds from the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund. Beginning on the same date, nonregionalized PSAPs must reimburse OSET for certain equipment and training costs. OSET must, within 30 days of receiving such money, deposit it in the Enhanced 9-1-1 Telecommunications Fund. By law, the fund is used for expenses, as determined by the DESPP commissioner, associated with the

enhanced emergency 9-1-1 program.

By December 31, 2016 and annually thereafter, any two or more municipalities establishing a regionalized PSAP may apply to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary, in a manner and form he prescribes, for a grant to fund operating costs associated with transitioning from an existing PSAP to a regionalized PSAP.

Finally, the bill specifies that a (1) regionalized PSAP is a municipal employer for collective bargaining purposes and (2) decision by a municipal employer to join a regionalized PSAP is generally not subject to collective bargaining, except for a decision that impacts wages, hours, and other conditions of employment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2018, except the OPM grant provision, which is effective on October 1, 2016.

REGIONALIZED PSAPS

Under the bill, “multitown PSAPs” and “regional emergency telecommunications centers” are DESPP-authorized entities serving as PSAPs responsible for receiving and processing 9-1-1 calls for multiple municipalities (1) with a combined population of at least 40,000, as determined by the latest Department of Public Health population estimate, or (2) that annually receive and process 12,000 or more 9-1-1 calls. A “multitown PSAP” serves two municipalities, while a “regional emergency communications center” serves three or more.

PSAP COSTS

Beginning July 1, 2020, a nonregionalized PSAP must reimburse DESPP for the cost of replacing and maintaining 9-1-1 terminal equipment and system and network infrastructure and the cost associated with:

1. training and certifying telecommunicators,
2. the initial training of emergency medical dispatch personnel,
3. an emergency medical dispatch priority reference card set, and

4. emergency medical dispatch training and continuing education.

PSAPs may only receive DESPP-provided or -approved 9-1-1 terminal equipment, maintenance, training, and certification.

BACKGROUND

Related Bill

sSB 1071, reported favorably by the Public Safety and Security Committee, requires, among other things, the implementation of a “next generation 9-1-1 telecommunications system” that enables users to reach PSAPs by transmitting a text message, image, or video.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 12 (03/10/2016)